

Welcome to the March/April 2020 Special Edition of *The Procurement Pipeline*, a monthly newsletter designed to bring you informative updates on doing business with the Great Lakes Water Authority. This Special Edition focuses on measures implemented by GLWA to ensure the health and safety of our team members and partners during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

**Critical Infrastructure Vendor Letters:** The GLWA Team has identified the vendors that meet the requirements of “critical infrastructure” workers as defined by [Governor Whitmer’s “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Executive Order 2020-21](#). In particular, the Order requires that individuals, *who are required to travel in order to perform their work for GLWA*, be identified. In addition, the order requires that these vendors maintain sufficient operations to supply their goods and services to GLWA. Relevant sections include 4a, 4b, 8e, and 9b.

- ✓ **Letters Sent** - On March 27, 2020, over 100 letters were sent to vendors who meet these criteria.
- ✓ **Letter Needed** – If you are performing work that requires your personnel to be physically present at GLWA facilities, and have not received a letter, contact the GLWA project manager. The project manager can initiate the internal process to request a letter from Procurement. The letters are issued quickly when the *full name of the specific individuals who require access are provided*. The letters are distributed via email to a company email address.
- ✓ **Letters for Subcontractors** - In accordance with the Order, firms are required to similarly identify and provide written notice to their subcontractors (Section 4b and 9b).

The [State of Michigan’s COVID-19 website](#) provides the updated information on changing conditions.

**Visitor Form and Questionnaire:** Visitors to GLWA facilities must complete a questionnaire that screens for potential COVID-19 exposure risks. The form is required to be updated every two weeks. A visitor is broadly defined as anyone who is not a GLWA employee.

**New High Priority Vendor Categories:** GLWA is seeking additional providers of medical and safety supplies on behalf of the Authority and its member partners. Contact us at [procurement@glwater.org](mailto:procurement@glwater.org) if your company provides these items.

**Daily Temperature Checks at Entrances:** To safeguard against the spread of COVID-19, GLWA performs temperature screening for all team members, visitors, and delivery drivers to all locations. Access is denied to individuals with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above.

**FEMA:** Expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible for reimbursement by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). For this reason, you may be requested to note “COVID-19” on purchase orders and invoices.

### Thank a Critical Infrastructure Worker Today!

While many of our team members can work offsite as required by the Governor’s Order, the majority of GLWA’s workforce is on the frontline covering water and wastewater operations on a 24/7 basis. Some



vendors have asked about gifts for these team members to recognize their dedication and commitment. As a public entity, we refrain from gifts as an ethical matter. However, if you would like to show your appreciation for our critical infrastructure team members,

please consider sending a thank you note to share with team members on our monitors throughout GLWA facilities. Thank you notes may be sent to GLWA’s Public Affairs Team at [info.publicaffairs@glwater.org](mailto:info.publicaffairs@glwater.org).

**Out of Office, But Open for Business:** GLWA team members who generally are assigned to an office are working at remote locations. Thanks to the efforts of the GLWA Information Technology team, we can leverage technology to continue operations. Bidders conferences continue via Skype and accounts payable are processed weekly. If you have not already done so, please consider signing up for GLWA Direct to YOU! so that you can receive electronic payment and avoid the trip to the mailbox.

### What’s Coming Down the Pipe?

**Current Solicitations:** Be sure to register in [Bonfire](#) to monitor new solicitations and contract awards.  
**Upcoming Procurements: Next Three to Nine Months** - See page 2

**Visit us online!** See the Vendors page at [www.glwater.org](http://www.glwater.org) or contact us via email at [procurement@glwater.org](mailto:procurement@glwater.org)

# Proposed Upcoming Solicitations March/April 2020

Category	Description	Budget Estimate
<b>Water System (next three months)</b>		
Maintenance Services	5-Year Sludge Removal and Disposal Services at Northeast, Springwell's & Southwest Water Plants	\$55,000,000
Engineering	2000279 – Flocculator Drive Replacement – Springwells Water Treatment Plant (CIP #114017)	\$1,852,000
Construction	2000610 – Water Works Park Yard Piping, Valves and Venturi Meters Replacement (CIP #115001)	\$69,500,000
Construction	1904231 – Flocculator Improvements – Northeast Water Treatment Plant (CIP #112006)	\$2,700,000
<b>Wastewater System (next three months)</b>		
Progressive Design Build	Baby Creek Outfall Improvements Projects (CIP #277001)	TBD
<b>Water System (next four to nine months)</b>		
Design Build	7 Mile/Nevada Water Transmission Main Rehab and Flow Control Station (CIP #122017)	\$5,000,000
Engineering	North Service Center Pumping Station Improvements (CIP #132016)	\$10,000,000
Construction	Springwells Water Treatment Plant Medium Voltage Electrical System Replacement (CIP #114002 Project B)	\$30,000,000
Design Build	Southwest Water Treatment Plant Chlorine Scrubber and Raw Water Screen Replacement (CIP #113006)	\$6,000,000
<b>Wastewater System (next four to nine months)</b>		
Design	Oakwood HVAC Improvements	TBD
Design	St. Aubin Chemical Disinfection & Screening Improvements	TBD
Design	Control System Upgrade – St. Aubin, Lieb, and 7 Mile CSO Facilities	TBD
Maintenance	Crane Services	TBD
Services	Actuator Maintenance	TBD
Maintenance	UPS Maintenance and Repair Services (CSO/WRRF)	TBD
<b>Enterprise (next four to nine months)</b>		
IT	Project Management Information System	TBD
Facilities	HVAC Repairs and Maintenance	TBD

Vendors should continue to monitor [Bonfire](#) for solicitation updates.

Acronyms - Facilities	
WRRF	Water Resource Recovery Facility
CSO	Combined Sewer Overflow